Off-Campus Journals

Brandeis Library and Technology Services maintains a proxy server that will allow you access to our electronic journal and database subscriptions while off-campus. See E-Resources Help: On-campus/Off-campus access -- note, I personally find those instructions are pretty confusing because they assume you will be accessing journals by following links from the LTS website instead of, say, typing 'pubmed' into the address bar of a web browser.

Note: to use the proxy server,

- you do not need to change the proxy server settings of your web browser.
- you do need to go to a URL specifying a resource that has been modified to work with the proxy server.

For example, the "normal" URL for pubmed is


The "proxied" URL for pubmed is


So my advice is to try one or both of the options below:

Option 1

You can follow LTS's advice and go to databases and electronic journals through their pages. The URLs on those pages contain proxied links. Here are some pages you may wish to bookmark in order to find databases or journals:

- Databases (LTS)
- eJournals A-Z (LTS)
- ElectronicJournals (div sci kb)
- OnlineDatabases (div sci kb)

Option 2(a)

1. Install a bookmarklet from your browser.
   - the bookmarklet is simply this link address

   javascript:void(location.href=%22http://resources.library.brandeis.edu/login?url=%22+location.href)
it takes whatever is in your addresss bar and adds the correct prefix.

This is the bookmarklet link -- you can select it and ‘add as bookmark’.

Visit your favorite journal or database ignoring the necessity for a proxy. If you get to a page that says "access denied", try using the bookmarklet; it will rewrite the address currently showing in your address bar. Generally, this will get you access to appropriate journals through the proxy server.

A complicating factor is that, even from on campus, some of the journal access methods used by the Libraries are not the "standard" journal website -- for example, full text from the journal Neurology is not available through www.neurology.org but rather is available through Journals@Ovid; Neuron is not available through http://www.cell.com/neuron/home but rather http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/08966273

Option 2(b)

1. Download and install the LibX Brandeis edition (see also http://lts.brandeis.edu/research/help/libxlstoolbar.html) extension for Firefox or Chrome
2. Having installed the extension, visit your favorite journal, ignoring the necessity for a proxy. If you get to a page that says "access denied", use the contextual menu (right-click a link) and pick the item that says "Follow link via Brandeis access" (see illustration below)

Note, there does not seem to be an extension available for Safari.

As of Jan 2016, it is reported that the Chrome version of LibX Brandeis edition is working, but the Firefox version needs an update.

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